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Offenders Donate to Victims of Sexual Assault

Indianapolis, IN (April 23, 2013) – On the steps of the Indiana Statehouse yesterday, Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) Commissioner Bruce Lemmon presented a check to the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA), during a balloon launch for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A total of \$15,500 was raised through offender fundraisers from IDOC facilities across the state.

"The IDOC really appreciates the partnership we have formed with INCASA and is grateful for the opportunity to help bring awareness to this important issue and to further services for victims of sexual violence in Indiana. Through these efforts, we can help crime victims begin to rebuild their lives," stated Commissioner Lemmon.



IDOC Commissioner Lemmon presents the donation to INCASA CEO Anita Carpenter

"The Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault is committed to raising awareness on sexual violence issues throughout the year. April, which is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, is also designated as a time to recognize victims of all violent crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week. INCASA and the Indiana Department of Correction maintain a strong collaboration and commitment to promote community and victim safety. The funds raised through the correctional facilities by offenders will be used to support and promote the ongoing efforts to eradicate sexual violence in Indiana." Anita Carpenter, INCASA Chief Executive Officer.

In addition to this donation, the IDOC is planting a memorial tree at each of its 26 adult and juvenile correctional facilities to honor victims of crime in Indiana during National Crime Victims' Rights week, April 21-27, 2013.

About INCASA (www.incasa.org)

The Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault (INCASA) believes that sexual assault is a violent crime of power and domination that can be perpetrated against all persons, and that the healing of victims cannot be separated from the healing of society. INCASA exists to provide education, advocacy, and support to professionals, communities, and survivors regarding sexual violence in Indiana.

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